Development of tourism in Gujarat

173. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Gujarat which are likely to be developed as tourist centres during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) if so, what is the amount or funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) (a) The Department of Tourism in consultation with the Government of Gujarat has identified 24 places of tourist importance. These centres will be developed in a phased manner with the combined resources of the State, the Centre and the private sector. Ahmedpur-Mandvi, Chorwad, Nargol, Ukai, Gir sanctuary, Ubhrat, Dakor, Ambhaji, Palitana, Jumagarh, Lothal, Porbandar and Dwarka are some of the centres selected by the State Government, to be developed during the 7th Five Year Plan.

(b) For various tourism development activities in Gujarat, the Planning Commission has agreed to provide, in the state sector Rs. 425.00 lakhs in the 7th Five Year Plan period with an outlay of Rs. 67.00 lakhs for the current annual plan.

Development of Tourism in Gujarat

174. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tourists, both Indian and foreign, who visited Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise and its percentage to that with other States in the country;

(b) what measures Central Government propose to take to create more tourist accommodation in the State for promotion of tourism; and

(c) what are the details of tourism promotion measures which the Central Government propose to take in the State during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) State-wise statistics of foreign tourist arrivals are not available. However, as per the Foreign Tourist Survey 1982-83, 3.4 per cent of the foreign tourists spent at least a night in Gujarat during that year.

(b) The Central Government has initiated schemes for the construction of Yatri Niwases and Yatrikas for providing tourist accommodation facilities in different States. Under this scheme, the State Government of Gujarat has already identified Dakor and Dwarka for the construction of a Yatri Niwas and a Yatrika respectively during Seventh Plan period.

(c) Promotion of beach tourism has been given a major thrust in the State of Gujarat during Seventh Plan period. Schemes for the development of beach resorts and wayside facilities in the State have already been drawn up in this regard.

Fire in Hotel Siddhartha

175. SHRI F. M. KHAN:

SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in Hotel Siddhartha, a Five Star Hotel in New Delhi on the 23rd January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the causes of the fire and the number of persons killed/injured as a result thereof; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the causes of fire and if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Administration has appointed a Commission of Enquiry to enquire into the fire incident and its report is awaited. The number of persons killed and injured is 37 and 38 respectively.

Fourth Pay Commission report

176. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Central Pay Commission appointed to review the pay structure of the Central Government employees will not be in a position to submit its report to Government within the stipulated date;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Commission proposes to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No time limit for submission of the report by the Fourth Central Pay Commission has been prescribed.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to indicate the exact time by which the report of the Pay Commission would be submitted.

Import of fibre by mill owners

177. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about forty mill owners have imported fibre under advance licences scheme for blending it with indigenous raw material for re-exporting, but instead of exporting the same they have sold the imported fibre in Indian market at exorbitant prices and no action has been taken against them; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the erring mill owners and what action, if any has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-clearance of industrial projects of industrial houses involved in tax arrears

178. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withhold the industrial and economic projects applied for by some of the industrial houses who are in arrears of Government taxes and other duties;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to clear some of the economic projects like issue of debentures and shares by such companies pending disposal of the cases pertaining to non-payment of taxes and duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Government take into account the overall performance of companies including their tax performance while considering proposals for clearance. Approval of applications for shares/debentures is given taking into consideration the existing guidelines and various other relevant factors.